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Dear

December No. ---This will acknowledge your letter of 5 August 1947.

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is supposed to report on or about September 1. Even if it means curtailing operations to a limited extent, I believe it would be advisable to permit him to take leave up to that time rather than to ask him at this point to change his plans and report earlier. I made a commitment to him to that effect prior to his leaving Washington. If he does not take this leave now, he will probably want leave again in the near future, and it may be that you will need him even worse at that time than you do now.

I know that your Russian coverage will suffer somewhat when you lose this monitor. We are going to suffer all over FBIB until the question of security is completely settled and we are able to recruit up to our 7/0. It is a situation which neither of us can do anything about, and we must do the best we can under the circumstances.

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It will be perfectly alright at this end for you to curtail, or completely suspend, if necessary, we weekly analysis so that she may devote her time to routine coverage.

25X1A regret very much that it looks like I will not be able to come as I had planned during early September. We have so many problems pending here in Washington that I do not feel that I can leave at this time unless it was absolutely necessary. Since General Wright and General Sibert have both visited these installations in the very recent past. I do not feel that it is necessary for me to come at this time. I am very anxious to dome at the earliest opportunity for the simple reason that I would like to get acquainted with you and your staff and to better understand your operations.

Sincerely,

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